

# Eddie Cathey

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

For Immediate Release

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### **Two Suspects Arrested in Three-County Crime Spree**

Detectives with the Union County Sheriff's Office arrested two Union County men Wednesday afternoon, for their alleged involvement in a spree of daytime residential break-ins across Union, Anson, and Stanly counties. Sheriff Cathey stated that his detectives have been conducting surveillance on the two suspects for a period of time, and on Wednesday moved in to make the arrests. A traffic stop was conducted Wednesday afternoon in northern Union County, at the intersection of Highway 200 and Highway 218. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident. The vehicle they were operating was found to be loaded down with stolen goods, some of which included flat screen televisions, power tools, and currency. These items were matched to residential break-ins that the two are alleged to have committed in Stanly County, just prior to the traffic stop. Heroin and drug paraphernalia were also seized from the vehicle.

Further investigation led to the recovery of twelve firearms, stolen from residences in Union and Stanly Counties, as well as power equipment and air conditioning units, and other property identified as being stolen from Anson County.

Investigators from Stanly and Anson Counties were brought in to the investigation, which led to numerous charges being made in their jurisdictions as well. An Agent from the NCSBI assisted with the surveillance and arrest of the suspects on Wednesday, according to Sheriff Cathey.

**Timothy Steven Johnson** (24) and **Jason Matthew Gerber** (21) face numerous charges for Felony Breaking and Entering, Larceny after Breaking & Entering, Felony Possession of Stolen Goods, and Possession of Heroin across the three counties. The case continues to be worked, and more charges are expected.

Timothy Steven Johnson is currently being held in the Union County Jail under a \$75,000 secured bond.

Jason Matthew Gerber is being held under a \$70,000 secured bond.



Timothy Steven Johnson  
2213 Honeycutt Simpson Rd.  
Monroe, NC



Jason Matthew Gerber  
5816 Concord Hwy  
Monroe, NC

Point of contact for this release is Lieutenant Kevin James (704) 283-3722.

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Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

Or

**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

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